

Writing: Classroom vs. AASA

ADE Standards and Assessment Teams
2021 Webinar

What's New and What's the Same

▶ What's New

- ▶ Name: Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)
- ▶ Platform: Pearson TestNav

▶ What's the Same

- ▶ Standards (2016 adoption)
- ▶ Writing Types (Informative/Explanatory and Opinion/Argumentative)
- ▶ Rubrics and Scoring

2022 Writing Stand Alone Field Test

- ▶ Who: All students in Grades 3-8
- ▶ What: Each student is given 1 prompt to respond to
- ▶ When: January 24 - February 18, 2022
- ▶ Where: Pearson TestNav Platform or Paper
- ▶ Why: To gather AZ student data* on new writing prompts to use operationally in future years, and to have updated student samples to use as samples/examples

Paper materials will be delivered prior to Jan. 24.

*No data is given to schools/students from field tests

3rd-8th

Writing Assessments

Stand Alone
Field Test
Jan.-Feb. 2022

AASA
Operational
April 2022

Operational AASA - Spring 2022 Testing

- ▶ **Online Schools: April 4 - 29**

- ▶ Writing must be completed by April 15, 2022

- ▶ **Paper Schools: April 4 - 13**

- ▶ Writing must be scheduled for April 4 or 5, 2022

- ▶ **Writing**

- ▶ **Reading**

- ▶ **ORF**

- ▶ *New: The Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) field test session is administered to all third-grade students.

Writing on the AASA

Evidence Based Writing

- Quick Writing
- 90-120 minutes

Types

- Argumentative
- Informative/ Explanatory

Rubric

- Same criteria- New look/branding
- Focused, consistent idea
- Use of evidence

Use Text as Evidence for Writing Prompt

▶ Examples for Using Evidence

- ▶ The first author tells us “_____.”
- ▶ One example the author gives is _____.
- ▶ I agree when the author of passage 2 said, “_____.”

▶ Examples for Elaborating

- ▶ I think _____ is important because _____.
- ▶ I agree/disagree with _____ because _____.
- ▶ One thing I would change is _____.

Universal Tools and Accommodations

- ▶ Multi-color highlighting
- ▶ Notepad
- ▶ Text to speech
- ▶ Dictionary and Thesaurus

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All online tools in sample test will also be available in operational AASA.

Standards Team - Instruction

Assessment is part of the Teaching/ Learning Cycle

Summative Assessment measures the learning of the standards across the state

The writing used in this assessment is one type of writing to measure writing across the state.

There is a wide variety of writing styles and techniques that should be taught and used daily. This is a snapshot in time to collect writing samples.

Teach the Standards

Questions?

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